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# MANIFESTATION

**A STUDY ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed... Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

**1 Corinthians 12:1,7 NIV**

Some of God's greatest gifts to me are the LEADERS he has placed OVER me.





# Ephesians 4:1-13



The background features a dark, almost black, space filled with intricate, flowing patterns of light. Two primary colors, a vibrant blue and a fiery red, dominate the composition. These colors form ethereal, smoke-like or liquid-like shapes that swirl and drift across the frame. The blue lines tend to flow from the left towards the right, while the red lines are more concentrated in the center and right. The overall effect is one of dynamic movement and organic complexity.

**Apostle...**

*When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.*

**Luke 6:13-16 NIV**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.*

**Acts 2:42-43 NIV**

*...there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.*

**Acts 4:34-35 NIV**

*But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting...*

**Acts 14:14 NIV**

*When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.*

**Acts 15:4 NIV**

*Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.*

**Romans 16:7 NIV**

*I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.*

*Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.*

**Galatians 1:17-19 NIV**



*For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles.*

**Galatians 2:8 NIV**

*Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.*

**1 Corinthians 9:2 NIV**

*Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

*For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

**1 Corinthians 15:7-9 NIV**

*I do not think I am in the least inferior to those “super-apostles.”*

**2 Corinthians 11:5 NIV**

*The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

**Revelation 21:14 NIV**



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The office of apostle refers to the TWELVE, but extended to a few key FIRST-GENERATION LEADERS.

**“ELDER” was preferred for  
subsequent generations.**





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**Prophet...**

*During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)*

**Acts 11:27-28 NIV**

*Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.*

**Acts 13:1 NIV**

**God may give a prophetic word  
or even a prophetic gift, but the  
office of prophet is NOT  
PRESENTLY ACTIVE.**



**Evangelist...**

*Leaving the next day, we reached  
Caesarea and stayed at the house of  
Philip the **evangelist**, one of the  
**Seven**.*

**Acts 21:8 NIV**





An evangelist is someone  
**FOCUSED** on proclaiming the  
**GOOD NEWS** of **JESUS.**

*But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

**2 Timothy 4:5 NIV**



**Pastor / Teacher...**

*The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

*Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”*

*Jesus said, “Feed my sheep...”*

**John 21:17 NIV**

*To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;*

**1 Peter 5:1-2 NIV**

*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

**Acts 20:28 NIV**

*You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.*

**Titus 2:1 NIV**



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By the end of Paul's life, the churches were led by **SHEPHERD TEACHERS.**

The one enduring leadership  
office in the church is this:  
ELDER / SHEPHERD / OVERSEER.

*The elder,*

*To my dear friend Gaius, whom I  
love in the truth.*

**3 John 1:1 NIV**

*To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:*

**1 Peter 5:1 NIV**

*The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.*

**Titus 1:5 NIV**



Some of God's greatest gifts to me are the LEADERS he has placed OVER me.

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

**Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV**





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